

## News Update | Winter / Spring 2019



### Recent Changes To Disaster Aid Australia

Howard Bradfield has taken over as Chair from Peter Faulkner.

Howard has been actively involved as a DART and in 2016 was named a Paul Harris Fellow recognising his work in the humanitarian aid sector with Disaster Aid Australia. Howard is currently employed as the Support Services Manager for a Victorian rural hospital.



Brian Ashworth has accepted the new role of Chief Executive Officer (Honorary).

Brian has been actively involved in Disaster Aid for more than two years in a number of roles including technical advice on water systems and digital marketing.

Brian before retirement was a civil engineer in the water industry.



### Colombian Project Underway

These girls are enjoying safe drinking water at their school thanks to a project to provide safe drinking water to 48 schools in Colombia.

The project was led by the following participants:

- Bogota Rotary Club, Teuaquilla.
- Disaster Aid Australia.
- Endeavour Hills Rotary Club.
- SkyJuice Foundation.



## SkyHydrants In India

Former Chair of Disaster Aid Australia, David Langworthy, has been in India for the official commissioning of a Skyhydrant™ Project.

This project was initiated by the Rotary Clubs of Endeavour Hills and of Palm Beach Navi Mumbai and their respective Districts.

Contributions from the individual clubs were supplemented with a RI Global Grant.



## Mariah's Story

Mariah Valdehueza, a Filipino public health student at the Australian Catholic College (ACU), has had first-hand experience in delivering aid in conjunction with Disaster Aid Australia.

With her public health background Mariah has also been closely involved in public health education in the Philippines both with Balay Mindanaw and other Aid Organisations.

As an intern with our partner Balay Mindanaw she has been part of a quick response team providing temporary shelters for families after an Earthquake and safe water during the Marawi Crisis.

To find out more about Mariah's experiences you can visit the ACU Impact website.



## Arika School, Bhutan

Children of the Arika School in Bhutan are giving a toast of thanks to Stan Frymann of the USA who has sponsored a SkyHydrant for them.

Stan is a long time supporter of the school, and asked for Arika to be added to the original 120 schools of the Bhutan 2020 Project.

The installation was completed in less than six months from Stan's initial contact.



## Have You Some Free Time?

Disaster Aid are always looking for volunteers. Although we provide hundreds of thousands of dollars of aid we only have 0.6 paid staff.

Everything else is done by volunteers.

If you live in Melbourne you are welcome to come along to our Office in Eumemmerring and meet our friendly group.

Further away? . . . There are opportunities to help fundraise by speaking at Rotary meetings and other forums.



## The WiFi Challenge

As Disaster Aid volunteers travel the world it quickly becomes apparent that its easier to find Free WiFi than Safe Drinking Water. In developing countries you will find the majority of hotels and cafes will offer free WiFi . . . but all the water that feeds an urban area is untreated.

At Disaster Aid Australia we believe that if the world decides that it wants Safe Water For Every Child it can be achieved. After all it only costs \$1 per person per year to install a SkyHydrant.



## Progress on Bhutan 2020

Currently 45 out of our target of 120 SkyHydrants have now been sponsored with 40 sent to Bhutan.

To save costs we send the units in batches of 10 to be installed by a team from the Bhutan Department of Education.

Subject to further Sponsorship we are hoping to send the next 10 units before the end of September.



## Help the Rotary Club of San Fernando

Disaster Aid Australia has been approached by the Rotary Club of San Fernando, La Union to help bring safe drinking water to 13 schools in their region of the Philippines.

The schools range in size from just over 400 pupils to well over 2,000 pupils.

All of the schools have a water supply from either a well or the municipal system.

We are currently looking to assist the Rotary Club of San Fernando in a Rotary International Global Grant Application for the installation of SkyHydrants.





## ONGOING SUPPORT FOR BALAY MINDANAW

Our long term partner has installed and continues to monitor 58 of Disaster Aid provided Skyhydrants across the Philippines.

The Board of Disaster Aid Australia have agreed to supply a further 10 Skyhydrants to Balay Mindanaw this year.



**Will you please help support the work of Disaster Aid?**  
**It is a Rotary Club project that really is ... making a difference**

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